



ACTISA COMMUNIQUE: COUNCIL MEETING HELD 08/07/2015

Activity noted since the last meeting on June 3rd:

1. Development session:

The development session run on 13th June was a great success with 45 skater participants. Thank you to Tony Maybury and the coaches for all their hard work bringing this to fruition.

2. ACTISA welcomes new committee member:

It's with great pleasure we welcome Mary-Ann Ryall onto the committee as Assistant Secretary. Mary-Ann is an invaluable member and has contributed a great deal of time and effort over the past 8 years to the management of our competitions, organisation of our fundraising table and always being available to help.

3. ACTISA competitions:

The next competition to be held will be the National Federation Challenge including dance and the Gwen Peterson Theatre-on-Ice Trophy on Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th September followed by the Reg Park Artistic Competition held on Sunday 6th September. The preannouncement will be available at the rink and sent to interstate secretaries the week of 13th July followed by the full announcement in coming weeks. Please note the closing date of 14th August and ensure entries are placed on time as there is NO guarantee that late entries will be accepted if numbers of entries already received do not permit extra skaters.

This is a large competition and all available volunteers will be utilised so if you are available on the weekend please be sure to indicate this to our co-convenor Andrea Wood at comp@actisa.asn.au.

4. Interstate competitions:

No formal report was tendered this month but the committee wishes to congratulate our eleven ACT skaters at Hollins on some very solid results: Monique Lawrence (10th preliminary ladies), Renee Steggall (11th Pre-Primary ladies), Anastasia Bradshaw (18th Pre-Primary ladies), Tanisha Jory (6th Intermediate ladies), Charlie Kesteven (12th Intermediate ladies), Eleonore Willis (15th Intermediate ladies), Georgia Tongs (17th Intermediate ladies), Elliot Murphy (2nd Intermediate men), Sarah Batey (19th Novice ladies), Kody-Leigh Hirst (24th Novice ladies), Callum Bradshaw (5th Novice men). Four of these skaters were competing in their first ever Hollins Trophy event.

Please note entries for Crystal Challenge in Victoria close on 24th July. Entries are to be made directly to ISV via the online registration portal accessed through the ISV home page. Once you have entered and paid please email Owen on interstatecomp@actisa.asn.au to let him know you have entered and what divisions. ISV will then contact ACTISA to check on skater eligibility. Note the procedure for each interstate competition should be checked with ACTISA well before entry as entries cannot be made without ACTISA approval so if you are planning to enter other interstate competitions please contact Owen via the above email to check the procedure for your selected competition. You must be a financial member of ACTISA to enter interstate competitions.

Good luck to Chris and Alex Fladun-Dorling who have entered their first dance competition, MJS Trophy in Newcastle on 18th to 19th July.

5. ISA Tests:

Congratulations to the following skaters who passed tests on 27th June: Pre-Primary dance - Christopher and Alexandra Fladun-Dorling, Harry Harper - Primary solo dance (2 dances), Brianna Steggall - Novice solo dance (2 dances), Genevieve Temple - Preliminary and Monique Lawrence - Elementary patterns and technical.

The next ISA test day will be Saturday 25th July 2015 at 12:15pm, with the closing date of 10th July.

6. Aussie Skate Tests:

The last session on 2nd July was a quiet affair with only seven tests judged. The next session will be held on Thursday August 6th and these will be the last tests before close of entry for National Federation Challenge and Reg Park Competition. Thank you to our judges for making themselves available and to Sue Fletcher and Terri Henderson for continuing to run these tests on behalf of ACTISA.

7. Website update:

Work continues and we hope the new website will be ready to go live in the near future.

8. Championships selection policy:

Feedback from members and coaches has been gratefully received by the committee who are still in the process of revising/refining the policy. We hope to have more on this after the next ACTISA council meeting.

9. Publicity:

Revised information brochures will be printed and distributed at Skate in the city to encourage new skaters to take up the sport. Work continues on a new banner to be used behind the podium at competitions and as background for other photo opportunities when the need arises.

ACTISA committee wishes to remind members of the following:

1. Judging:

ACTISA is always on the lookout for more judges and technical officials. Fancy giving it a go? You can start trial judging Aussie Skate as soon as you are 15 years old! Contact judges@actisa.asn.au if you are interested.

2. Funding:

Skaters and judges can apply for funding at any time. Please check our website for the appropriate form and procedure.

3. Feedback and Enquiries:

Feedback including complaints are welcome at any time and should be made in writing and submitted by sending to our PO Box, placing it in the drawer at the rink, or emailing pres@actisa.asn.au. Only written complaints will be accepted and all complaints will be considered seriously and receive a response. Enquiries regarding committee decisions and processes are also welcome. Often information is not correctly interpreted before being passed on resulting in confusion and a perception that correct and fair procedure is not being followed. Instead of automatically believing what you hear, please check by contacting ACTISA yourself.

4. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday August 5th at the Woden Tradies Club, commencing at 630pm. Comments and suggestions are always welcome! **Please note that committee meetings are not open to the general membership or non-member parents except by special arrangement.**

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